

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9: CANCELLED

10. (Original) A seat belt assembly including a belt tension sensor, comprising:
a connecting member for connecting the sensor to a vehicle body,
a carriage of the belt tension sensor, wherein the carriage is adapted to engage a
webbing of a seat belt and said carriage is adapted to move within a housing in opposition to
at least one spring acting between the housing and the carriage, whereby the amount of
movement is responsive to a tension in the seat belt, said carriage comprising:

- a. an opening adapted to receive the webbing of the seat belt, wherein
said opening cooperates with a corresponding opening in the housing; and
- b. a protrusion extending from said carriage, wherein with said carriage is
installed in the seat belt tension sensor, said protrusion extends beyond an outer surface
bounding the housing and spanning across the opening in the housing; and
wherein the portion of the webbing inserted into the opening is folded back from the
both sides in the width direction, and the width is reduced by stitching the folded portion with
the portion not folded.

11. (Original) The assembly of claim 10, wherein said protrusion comprises at least one
flange.

12. (Original) The assembly of claim 11, wherein said opening in said carriage is sufficiently
narrower than said corresponding opening in the housing so as to prevent said webbing from
rubbing against a side of said corresponding opening in the housing responsive to a tension
load applied to said webbing.

13. (Original) The assembly of claim 10, wherein said protrusion comprises a thimble
portion.

14. (Original) The assembly of claim 13, wherein said thimble portion comprises a groove, said groove is adapted to receive a portion of said webbing of said seat belt, and said thimble portion and said groove are adapted to prevent said webbing from contacting a side of said opening in the housing responsive to a tension load applied to said webbing.

15. (Original) The assembly of claim 13, wherein said thimble portion comprises a groove, said groove is adapted to receive a portion of said webbing of said seat belt, and said thimble portion and said groove are adapted to prevent said webbing from contacting a surface of the housing responsive to a tension load applied to said webbing.